

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1625 - SB 1438

March 20, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds the United States Constitution to the list of documents that teachers cannot be prohibited from using, reading, or posting. Requires all students to be taught the foundational instruments, characteristics, and values of American government and America's historical achievement. Requires the State Textbook Commission to strive to recommend books that emphasize America's global accomplishments. Requires the Commissioner of Education to advise local education agencies of these provisions. Each board of education is required to send compliance documentation to the Commissioner of Education and each school is to retain compliance documentation for review by parents and the public.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- If needed, the existing social studies curriculum will be modified during the regularly scheduled curriculum revision.
- All book reviews and recommendations done by the Textbook Commission will be done during the normal course of book review without additional personnel or resources.
- Local education agencies can document their compliance and keep a copy on file at each school without a significant increase in local expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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